

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3946

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit the sale of dishwashing detergent in the United States if the detergent contains a high level of phosphorus, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 2009

Mr. STUPAK (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF CERTAIN DISH-**  
4       **WASHING DETERGENT.**

5       Section 303 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
6       Act (33 U.S.C. 1313) is amended by adding at the end  
7       the following:

1       “(j) PROHIBITION ON SALE OF CERTAIN DISH-  
2 WASHING DETERGENT.—Effective beginning July 1,  
3 2010, the Administrator shall prohibit the sale of residen-  
4 tial dishwashing detergent in the United States if the de-  
5 tergent contains phosphorus in any form in excess of 0.5  
6 percent (by weight expressed as elemental phosphorus).”.

7 **SEC. 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NUTRIENT MANAGE-**  
8 **MENT.**

9       As soon as practicable after the date of enactment  
10 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-  
11 tection Agency, in consultation with the heads of other ap-  
12 propriate Federal agencies (including the National Oce-  
13 anic and Atmospheric Administration), States, and local  
14 government entities, shall—

15           (1) conduct a review of available scientific infor-  
16 mation pertaining to nutrient excesses in the Great  
17 Lakes; and

18           (2) submit to Congress a report that contains  
19 recommendations for action to be taken by the Ad-  
20 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
21 to address nutrient excesses in the Great Lakes.

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